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SUBJ: REACTION TO SECRETARY'S UN SPEECH

1. OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT NEWSPAPER L'ESSOR CARRIED
INSIDE ARTICLE SEPTEMBER 8 ENTITLED, "THE DIALOGUE
HAS BEGUN." FOLLOWING IS EMBASSY TRANSLATION:

A. MR. HENRY KISSINGER CAME FRIDAY TO THE UNITED
NATIONS TO BRING HIS PLEDGE IN FAVOR OF A "NORTH-SOUTH"
DIALOGUE, WHILE NEGOTIATIONS WERE BEING FORMALLY UNDER-
TAKEN WITH THE DEVELOPING NATIONS.

B. THE UNITED STATES IS READY TO DISCUSS IN CONSTRUCTIVE
FASHION BOTH IN THE UNITED NATIONS AND ELSEWHERE, CLARIFIED
THE AMERICAN SECRETARY OF STATE, WHOSE PROGRAM OF ACTION
PRESENTED MONDAY HAD OPENED SPECTACULARLY THE SPECIAL SESSION
OF THE U.N. ON DEVELOPMENT AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION.

C. THE ADVENT OF MR. KISSINGER COINCIDED WITH THE
PRESENTATION BY THE UNITED STATES OF A "POSITION
PAPER" SUMMARIZING AMERICAN PROPOSALS WITH RESPECT TO
AID TO THE THIRD WORLD.

D. THIS DOCUMENT WAS PRESENT FRIDAY AT THE TIME OF THE
FIRST MEETING OF A "CONTACT GROUP" BRINGING TOGETHER THE
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COUNTRIES OF THE THIRD WORLD (GROUP OF 77) AND WESTERN
INDUSTRIALIZED STATES.

E. AS OF THIS MOMENT LITTLE INFORMATION HAS FILTERED OUT ON THE WORK OF THIS GROUP, WHICH HAS THE DIFFICULT TASK OF RECONCILING THE POINTS OF VIEW EXPRESSED IN THREE DOCUMENTS; THAT THE THIRD WORLD ON A NEW WORLD ECONOMIC ORDER; THAT OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY MADE PUBLIC IN RESPONSE TO THE FORMER; AND THAT OF THE UNITED STATES.

F. MR. KISSINGER, ALL SMILES AND CHARM, WANTED IN ANY CASE TO PROVE AMERICA'S GOODWILL AND SHOW THE COUNTRIES OF THE THIRD WORLD THAT HIS "NEW APPROACH" WAS NOT A MACHIAVELLIAN MANEUVER AND THAT IT REFLECTED A SINCERE SHIFT IN AMERICAN POLICY TOWARD POOR COUNTRIES.

G. IN FACT, THE FIRST WEEK OF THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION IS CONCLUDING ON AN OPTIMISTIC AND EVEN ENCOURAGING NOTE: THE DIALOGUE FINALLY SEEMS TO HAVE BEGUN BETWEEN THE NORTH AND THE SOUTH, AS FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER JEAN SAUVAGNARGUES OBSERVED FROM THE PODIUM OF THE U.N.

H. THE SPIRIT OF CONCILIATION WHICH ENLIVENS THIS SESSION (TO CONCLUDE ON SEPTEMBER 12) CONTRASTS SINGULARLY WITH THE CLIMATE OF CONFRONTATION WHICH REIGNED DURING THE SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION IN THE SPRING OF LAST YEAR. THIS PHENOMENON IS TO BRING INTO HARMONY THE NOTABLE PROGRESS ACHIEVED DURING THE MONETARY MEETINGS (IMF-WORLD BANK) JUST COMPLETED IN WASHINGTON.

I. THE DRAFTING OF A FINAL RESOLUTION OR OF A NEW PROGRAM OF ACTION WHICH GATHERS TOGETHER THE CONSENSUS OF THE PARTIES PRESENT WILL BE, HOWEVER, A DIFFICULT EXERCISE WHICH IS GOING TO ENGAGE THE ATTENTION OF THE INDUSTRIAL NATIONS AND THE GROUP OF "77" IN THE COURSE OF THE NEXT SEVERAL DAYS, WHILE THE SPEECHES OF THE DELEGATES ARE CONTINUING FROM THE PODIUM OF THE ASSEMBLY.

2. WE HAVE REVIEWED USIS, REUTER AND AP FILES AND HAVE FOUND NOTHING TO INDICATE THE ABOVE ARTICLE WAS CULLED FROM THOSE SOURCES. THE MENTION OF SAUVAGNARGUES SUGGESTS AFP, BUT THE STYLE IS VERY DIFFERENT. IT IS MORE LIKELY THAT THE ARTICLE WAS WRITTEN EITHER BY THE FOREIGN MINISTRY OR THE L'ESSOR STAFF UNDER GUIDANCE FROM THE RULING MILITARY
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